

## STRIKE CONCILIATOR DEFIES SENATORS

Refuses to Divulge Name of  
Informant to Committee.

EXPLAINS DESIRE FOR PROBE

Blackman Believed Financial Rea-  
sons Influenced Co.'s Stand.

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"Of course, that question?" Attorney Hoover assured the witness he did want a reply.

"Of course, this is only my personal opinion," began the witness, "but here's what I thought was at the bottom of it. I believed there was something back of the company's attitude. I knew certain loans had been made to this company and that these loans were due shortly and I thought that had something to do with the position taken by the company."

"Then you wanted Congress to make an investigation to gratify your curiosity?" inquired Attorney Hoover. "No," replied Blackman. "I thought the company, in view of these loans coming due might not want to discuss with the employees the subject of paying them more money."

"Didn't you know the company in its individual contract agreed to pay its employees more money?" the attorney asked.

"Yes," the witness responded. "Then how did you get any idea that the company didn't want to deal with the men for financial reasons?" the lawyer inquired.

Refuses to Answer.  
"I had talked with people about that phase of the matter," Blackman answered.

"Who were those people?" demanded Attorney Hoover.

"I refuse to answer," replied the witness.

Attorney Hoover then addressed the committee and insisted that the witness be made to answer. He said he wanted a reply in order to show prejudice and bias of the witness and see whether the investigation had been ordered to gratify Blackman's curiosity as to the finances of the company.

As Attorney Hoover was about to warm up, Senator Johnson suggested that the lawyer not indulge in "enthusiastic characterizations of the witness." Chairman Pittman announced that irrespective of the motives of those who brought about the investigation the inquiry was not a frivolous matter and that at the end of the hearing it would be very plain that it was not a frivolous proceeding.

To Make Ruling Tomorrow.  
Following the conference of the committee Chairman Pittman said the ruling as to whether the name should be disclosed would be made tomorrow morning at 9:30 o'clock.

Conciliator Blackman said he had to go to Schenectady, N. Y., to settle a strike tomorrow.

"Then why don't you give the name and your testimony today?" asked Senator Johnson.

"I'd rather not," said the witness, firmly.

During the cross-examination before the question of the name arose, Conciliator Blackman stated that the employees had informed him that they were willing to settle the controversy this year on the same basis as they did last year's—without recognition of the union, and that Secretary of Labor Wilson personally asked Senator Hughes of New Jersey to offer a resolution ordering an investigation of the strike.

Told to Keep Hands Off.  
The witness said he encouraged the employees in 1916 to believe that their union would be recognized this year. He remained firm in his assertion that President King told him to keep his hands off the controversy after the strike had been declared.

Secretary of Labor Wilson testified briefly before the committee, detailing the part he took in the negotiations looking toward prevention of a strike.

Mr. Wilson testified that he appealed to President King on patriotic grounds to avert a strike and that President King refused. The conversation between the two took place

## STOWS KAISER AWAY IN U. S. SHIP'S HOLD

One of the knottiest problems recently before the Navy Department was the question of what to do with a picture of the Kaiser aboard a navy vessel.

The captain thereof wrote, under the title, "Disposition of picture of W. Hohenzollern," informing the department he had stowed the picture in the hold, and asking permission to burn it.

After due deliberation, the department replied that the stowing process ought to suffice.

over the telephone at 1:45 on the morning of March 12.

Secretary Wilson said: "I told Mr. King a strike in the National Capital at that particular time was undesirable from every standpoint, and particularly in view of the international situation. I told him a strike in Washington would be misinterpreted abroad to our disadvantage. I asked him to withdraw the individual picture and make a stand as they had stood during 1916 under the old agreement."

King Refused All Offers.  
"His reply was that he could not continue the old agreement because he had already made new contracts with some of his employees and granted them wage increases."

"I then suggested that he continue the old agreement with the employees and give them the same increase he provided in the individual contract until the matter was finally settled. He said he could not do this."

"I then asked him to meet a committee representing the employees. He said he could not meet such a committee without his arrangements being construed as recognition of the union on his part. I next asked him if he would settle the matter as it had been adjusted in 1916 and he replied that he would not. I asked him if he would withhold the individual contract, and give us more time to adjust the matter. He replied that he had made his arrangements and was going to carry them through."

Replying to questions of Attorney William McK. Clayton, representing the Federation of Citizens' Associations, Secretary Wilson said all offers of mediation by his department were refused by the company.

Senator Veaches For Mahon.  
A question by Attorney James H. Veach, representing the strikers, brought out the fact that Secretary Wilson was personally acquainted with W. D. Mahon, president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America, the organization which President King characterized as "the rotten spot on the apple."

Attorney Hoover objected to Secretary Wilson stating his estimate of President Mahon.

Senator King of Utah then stated that he, too, was personally acquainted with President Mahon and considered him "a most estimable, high class man."

Senator King said: "I once represented the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America in a suit instituted by a man named Pratt for reinstatement in the association, and won a verdict for the association. I know Mr. Mahon personally and will say he is a very fine man."

Senator King said he made this statement because he wished to give the attorney for the company an opportunity to object to his sitting on the investigating committee if the lawyer believed the Senator's appearance as counsel for the Amalgamated Association on one occasion disqualified him.

Attorney Hoover made no objection to Senator King remaining on the committee.

CHAUTAUQUA AT GREAT FALLS.  
The Rev. Albert H. Zimmerman, founder of the National Bible Scouts, will preach the opening sermon of the Chautauqua which is to convene at Great Falls on Sunday and continue until September 15. There will be special music for the singing. Patriotic and preparedness lectures will be Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 4 and 8 o'clock.

## HOOD'S BRIGADE TO BE AT REUNION

Heroes of Gaines Mill Send  
Message From Texas.

EAGER TO FIGHT FOR FLAG

Message of Patriotism Is Sent to  
Chairman Harper.

The directors of the United Confederate Reunion met at the Willard Hotel this afternoon to receive reports from various committees that are arranging for the encampment of survivors of the Confederacy here on June 4. Col. Robert N. Harper presided.

Announcement was made by Colonel Harper that survivors of Hood's famous Texas brigade will participate in the reunion parade. In issuing an "On to Washington" call, H. W. Berryman, president of the brigade association, who lives in Cherokee county, Tex., urged Confederates to attend the reunion to inspire youthful America to enlist in today's fighting forces. He urged that the reunion be interpreted as the expression of the Confederates' support of President Wilson and the Government.

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RAJAH OF SARAWAK,  
BORNEO RULER, DEAD

Was Monarch of Half Million Na-  
tives Under British Protection.

LONDON, May 18.—The Rajah of Sarawak, Sir Charles Brooke, is dead at Cirencester. He was eighty-eight years old.

Sarawak is a British protectorate on the northwest coast of Borneo, adjoining British North Borneo. Sir Charles Brooke was the second Rajah of Sarawak. He resigned a commission in the British navy in 1861 to serve under his uncle in Sarawak, where he helped to restore order and put down piracy and head-hunting.

Sir Charles Johnson Brooke was the English Rajah of a Malay-Drak state in Borneo, ruler of a few hundred Europeans and half a million natives; absolute monarch, though under British suzerainty, of a state which he ruled through British civil service officials and native chiefs, commander of a militia of naked islanders armed with Enfield rifles and machine guns. He lived in an Oriental palace fitted up like an English country house, and a place which he himself had captured at the head of a small force of Malays after it had been taken by Chinese pirates.

(Keared Outlaws Out.  
Sir Charles was born in England in 1829, entered the navy as midshipman at the age of eleven, and eleven years later resigned to join the service of his uncle, Sir James Brooke, first English Rajah of Sarawak. Sir James had come to Borneo with an armed yacht full of adventures in 1846, and had won his title by assisting the Sultan of Borneo against rebel head-

hunters; but his dominions were still largely unconquered and full of refractory pirates. With the aid of British warships Sir James gradually cleared out the outlaws, and his nephew was his lieutenant in this and in the work of governmental organization which followed.

The new regime seemed secure when in 1867 Chinese pirates surprised Kuching, the capital, and stormed the Rajah's palace, from which Sir James escaped by swimming a river in the dark. His nephew, Charles Johnson Brooke, had meanwhile rallied a few loyal natives, and at the head of these Sir James attacked and annihilated the Chinese. There was never further serious disturbance in the principality.

Developed the Country.  
Sir James died in 1868, and the present Rajah succeeded to the work of organizing the realm. He greatly extended it by taking over various districts from the Sultan of Borneo for cash payment and by the adhesion of the native inhabitants, and developed the country so that it now has a considerable foreign trade, chiefly in pepper and gold. He also succeeded in keeping the Chinese, who do most of the business of the country, firmly under the control of the government.

He was made a grand commander of St. Michael and St. George in 1884, "On to Washington" call. H. W. Berryman, president of the brigade association, who lives in Cherokee county, Tex., urged Confederates to attend the reunion to inspire youthful America to enlist in today's fighting forces. He urged that the reunion be interpreted as the expression of the Confederates' support of President Wilson and the Government.

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also by the native name of Rajah Muda, has taken the principal part in the government, one of his first acts being to suppress an apparently serious dynastic schism brought about by the attempt of his cousin, Brooke Johnson, to continue as actual head of a district of the country.

Charles Vyner Brooke, the new Rajah, was born in 1874, educated at Cambridge, and married the Hon. Sylvia Brett, daughter of Lord Esher.

NEW ISSUE OF CERTIFICATES  
Treasury Announces \$200,000,000  
More Short Term Securities.

Another \$200,000,000 issue of certificates of indebtedness was announced by the Treasury Department today.

This makes a total of over \$700,000,000 worth of these short term securities issued by the Treasury to meet war expenditures and loans to our allies.

Like the others, the present issue will be convertible into liberty bonds, and it is expected that they will be rapidly taken by the banks.

The new issue will mature July 15 and bears 3 1/2 per cent interest.

DRAMA LEAGUE TO GIVE PLAY.  
The George Washington University drama class will present privately tonight, in the assembly hall of the arts and sciences department, Administration building, 2023 G street Northwest, "The Importance of Being Earnest," under the direction of Dr. De Witt C. Croissant, professor of English and head of the drama class.

## WOMAN RUNS GARAGE WHEN FORCE ENLISTS

Pennsylvanian's Wife Will Do  
Three Men's Work in Shop.

DARRY, Pa., May 18.—Filled with the right sort of patriotism, Clarence Purdy, proprietor of a garage at Chester pike and Quarry street, Darby, and his two assistants, John McCormack and John Wogoman, the entire force of the garage, have enlisted in the quartermaster's reserve corps of the United States army, and are awaiting a call from the Secretary of War.

While they are absent, Mrs. Purdy, wife of the proprietor, will conduct the business, make repairs and do three men's work.

"Sure I can run the place when the men are gone," said the patriotic Darby woman, smiling. "The English women and the French women did it, why not the American women?"

REVIEW FINANCE LECTURES.  
Edmond S. Wolfe, cashier of the District National Bank, reviewed the lecture course of the banking and finance class of the Washington chapter, American Institute of Banking, which has been held during the last year, at a meeting of the chapter last night. The annual examination for members will be held at the Y. M. C. A. Thursday.

THE SHOPPING CENTER

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Estab. 1877 Desirable Qualities—Correct Styles A. Lisner

## May Furniture Sale Now In Progress

### 20% Reduction

\$5.25 STURGES SIDEWALK SULKY AT \$4.25  
Ideal for baby's comfort—with back adjusting to three positions. Spring seat and rubber tired wheels—and only \$4.25.

WILLOW and REED  
FURNITURE

Rocking and Arm  
Chairs in new variety,  
all at one-fifth off  
regular prices.

\$5.00 Chairs, \$4.00  
\$5.50 Chairs, \$4.40  
\$7.00 Chairs, \$5.60  
\$10.00 Chairs, \$8.00  
\$10.75 Chairs, \$8.60  
\$11.00 Chairs, \$8.80  
\$11.75 Chairs, \$9.40

Fourth Floor.

Solid Maple Rock-  
er, with double  
woven rattan seat  
and back. Regular  
at \$3.75.  
May Sale  
price ..... \$3.00

Hammock Chair  
with adjustable  
back. Regular at  
\$1.25. May Sale  
price \$1.00

BARGAIN BASEMENT  
Week-End Bargains Tomorrow—See Below

### Prices Reduced

It means bargains extraordinary when Palais Royal Basement Store prices are reduced. The business here is of sufficient magnitude not to nurse last of lots. Thus these Saturday reductions in prices. Well to remember that the many little lots when combined create all sizes, materials, and colors, in one style or another.

New Taffeta Suits to be Only \$12.50

Quick selling styles in women's sizes, of plain, navy and black chifon taffeta, belted models with large cape collar pointed over shoulder.

Misses' Silk Dresses,  
\$12.50—In Great Variety

New Dresses, of crepe de chine, pongee, and taffeta silks, in all colors and white. Shirt waist models, plaited, high waist line, and tunic dresses, including many worth nearly twice the price asked.

Misses' Serge Dresses,  
Reduced to \$2.98

Originally were \$5.00 to \$10.00. Nearly all navy blue, regulation sailor models, straight line plaited dresses, and high waist line effects. Materials, all wool serges, with trimmings of red braid and plaid silks.

Many Women's Coats,  
Reduced to \$10.00

Of wool poplin, wool velours, and chevots, including the popular shades of gold and apple green. Belted and high waist models, turn over collars, in white or colors. Many are half lined.

Many Misses' Coats,  
Reduced to \$5.00

Plain and belted styles with large collars and pockets, and short sport models, of chevots, wool velours, in brown, open, tan, and green; plaids and checks in black and white and four and five color combination.

Tomorrow—Palais Royal Basement Store

## Wonderful Hats \$1

The best straws, the best shapes, and the best colors, best of \$3.00 Hats are included in tomorrow's week-end sale, at \$1.00 for choice. But please remember that the lot combines good, better, and best hats—and that the best will go to Saturday morning visitors.

## Waists at 59c

None Worth Less than 75c  
In regular sizes up to 46.  
In extra sizes up to 54.

Waists to fit the smallest to the largest woman—of Fine Voile, some with large sailor collar of organdy or other materials.

All are well tailored, best fitting and best washing waists, real bargains at 59c.

Palais Royal Basement Store.

## \$1 Value House Dresses 79c

Sizes from 36 to 44, in one or another of these Gingham Dresses—plain colors, checks, plaids and stripes.

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Petticoats Worth \$1.00 for 69c  
Of Satine and Cotton Taffeta, with 14-inch accordion plaited flounce.

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See These Ribbed Vests at 15c  
Of combed yarn, looking well, feeling well, wearing well. And extra as well as regular sizes.

Tomorrow—Basement Store.

Usual 50c Union Suits at 39c  
The extra sizes often sell at 50c. And note the lace and ribbon trimmings! All sizes in all styles at only 39c.

Tomorrow—Basement Store.

Children's 25c Hose—Sec-  
onds—at 15c

"Mill Mends" of best 25c fast black ribbed hose, in all sizes for boys and girls, at 15c pair.

Tomorrow—Basement Store.

Children's Dresses, Special  
at 98c

Mothers of children 6 to 14 years are promised better than usual \$1 dresses. Styles, materials, finish and fit all are superior.

Tomorrow—Basement Store.

## P-B NEWS BULLETIN

Quality First—P-B Co.

### mothers news!

WHEN you visit P-B's Boys' Shop you find one of the largest displays of quality wearables in America. You find P-B Boys' Suits an economy in the end—the quality lasts.

Refers, 1-3 Off  
Broken lots of Boys' Refers at 1-3 off regular price. These are very desirable for little girls.

Wash Suits, \$1.50 to \$2.00  
You have Washington's largest quality displays to select from at P-B's and you find the newest of fabrics and styles—new color combinations—new Middy styles. Bel